

FISCAL MEMORANDUM

SB 1779 – HB 1345

June 12, 2007

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENTS (009902, 010140, 010171):

Amendment 009902 deletes the original bill and requires the Municipal Solid Waste Advisory Committee to develop recommendations concerning the management of solid waste by December 31, 2009. Tennessee State University and other stakeholders are required to provide input for such study. The Department of Environment and Conservation will be authorized to provide grant funding from the Solid Waste Management Fund to Tennessee State University for such work. Amendment 010140 as amended by amendment 010171 amends the scope of the study to include researching ways to eliminate or reduce radioactive waste in landfills and requires a moratorium be imposed on waste from the bulk survey for release program in landfills in Rutherford County until the results of the Municipal Solid Waste Advisory Committee Report are released.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

Increase State Expenditures - \$149,000/One-Time

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENTS:

Increase State Expenditures –

Less than \$100,000/One-Time/Solid Waste Management Fund

Other Fiscal Impact – If a landfill in Rutherford County is found to be accepting such waste, any enforcement action required by the Department of Environment and Conservation will result in an increase in state expenditures. Any subsequent fines or fees imposed on such landfill are assumed to offset any state expenditures for enforcement actions. As a result, the net impact on state revenues and expenditures would be not significant.

Assumptions applied to amendments:

- Any increase in state expenditures by the Department of Environment and Conservation for the Municipal Solid Waste Advisory Committee to conduct such study is estimated to be not significant and can be done utilizing existing resources.

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- A one-time increase in state expenditures to the Solid Waste Management Fund of less than \$100,000. Such expenditure is for a grant that will be provided to Tennessee State University for their assistance on the study.
- No additional funds would be appropriated to the Solid Waste Management Fund. The provisions of the bill would only expand the types of grants that may be provided by the fund.
- Any increase in expenditures due to the expansion of the scope of the report to include the impact of radioactive materials in landfills is estimated to be not significant.
- Any expenditures related to enforcement actions by the Department of Environment and Conservation are offset by fines and fees paid by the offending party.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James W. White". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "James" written in a smaller, more compact script than the last name "White".

James W. White, Executive Director

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